

mObridge Audio iPod Install Notes

For use with the mObridge Audio iPod range of products

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Common Install Notes



Important Items ATTENTION



1. **Never bend fiber optic lines sharply (acutely) or at more than about 2" radius or permanent damage may result to the fiber.**
2. **Battery power (+) to the unit must be fused by a value of 5A.** On a 10A circuit or the radio's circuit is acceptable (safe, OK).
3. **Power to mObridge must be constant battery (B+).** It cannot be from a vehicle power plug. Vehicle power plug is not consistently constant power, despite appearances or first apparent behavior. Best location to source power is at the Head Unit's own power or CD changer's power wire (e.g., in Porsche red wire with yellow stripe).
4. **If vehicle is intended to be serviced (diagnosed) by the dealer, bypass switch should be put into the ON mode.** It is not plug and play (vehicle power cycle must be done / complete sleep/wake cycle in order to properly initialize MOST bus in mObridge's bypass / non-bypass mode. Bypass mode can be activated by toggling the bypass switch 5-6 times in a five second window. The MOST bus will be broken for two seconds.

5. **MOST bus is not hot “plug and play”.** Do not expect system to immediately work after plugging in units and turning on vehicle. If any MOST pieces have been.
6. **BMW Vehicles require coding. mObridge products now support auto coding meaning they will automatically detect which vehicle they are in and code the car themselves.**

mObridge Wiring Connection

The mObridge main power connector contains the optical fiber input as well as a 4 pin wiring insert. This 4 pin wiring insert, if inspected closely, has numbering on the pins. Although both the BMW and mObridge share the same connector as the BMW CDC and Sat Radio wiring, the pinning is slightly different. If the user tries to plug the connector directly in without changing the BMW plug wiring into the mObridge unit, the user will burn a fuse out in the vehicle.

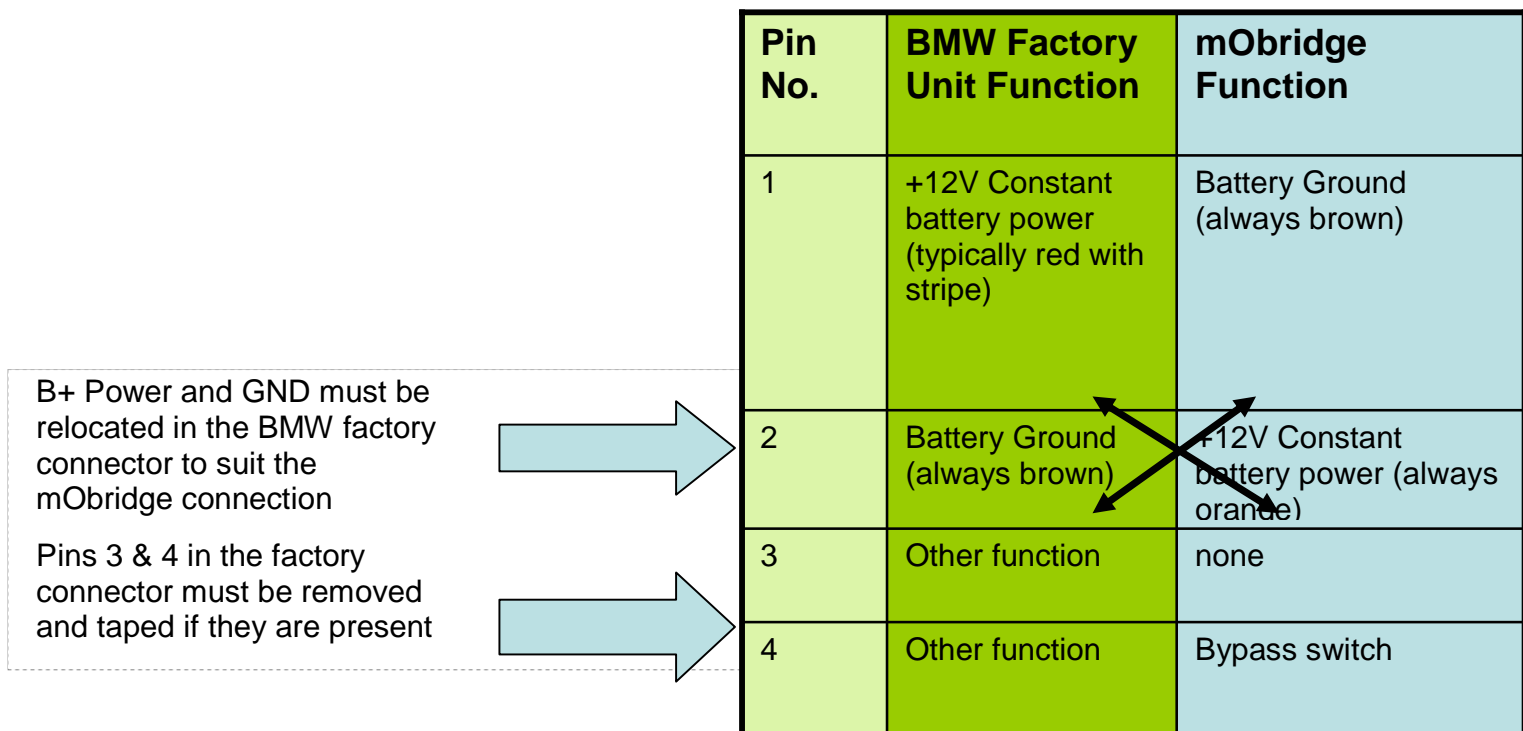


Figure 1 BMW pin out against mObridge pin out

As can be seen from Figure 1, the BMW factory wiring connector needs to have pins 1 & 2 swapped to be compatible with the mObridge wiring.

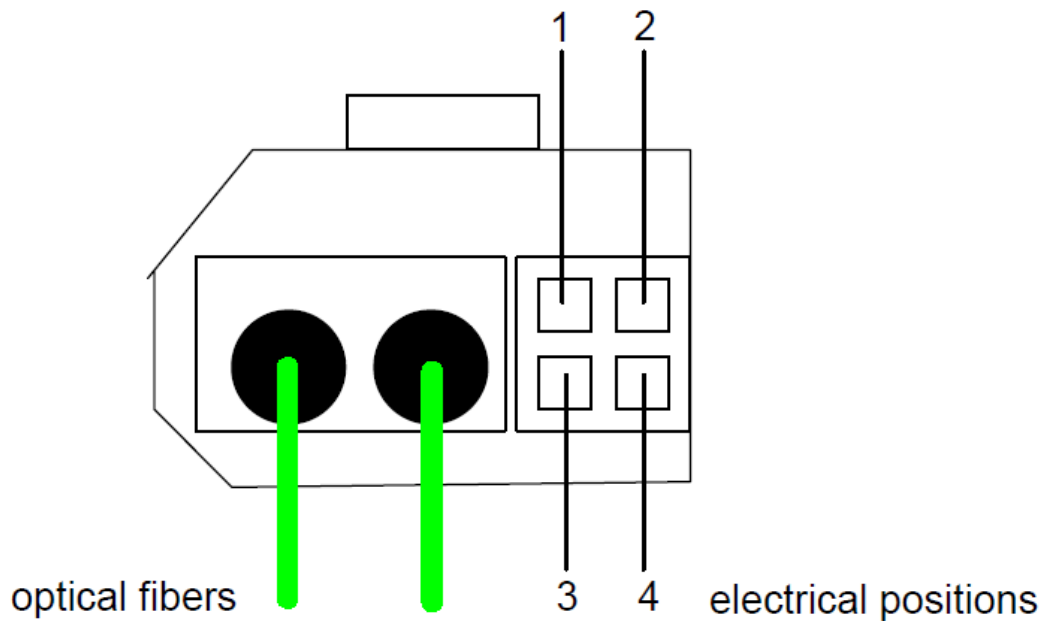


Figure 2 Rear view of the 4 pin connector

Figure 2 illustrates the pin out wiring of the electrical 4 pin insert. For mObridge units pin 1 is always ground and pin 2 is always constant 12V+ supply. This view is from the back of the connector.

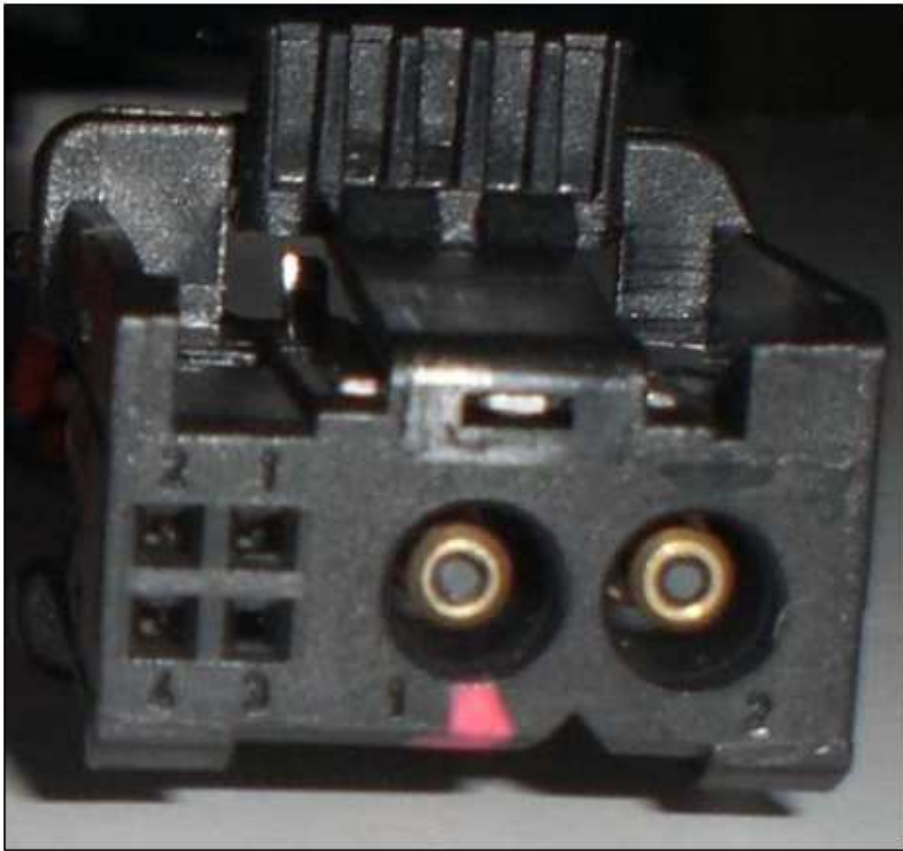


Figure 3 Front view of the 4 pin connector

Figure 3 clearly demonstrates the pin numbering visible on the outside of the connector. Pin 1 is always ground on the mObridge wiring and pin 2 is always constant 12V+ battery on the mObridge connector.

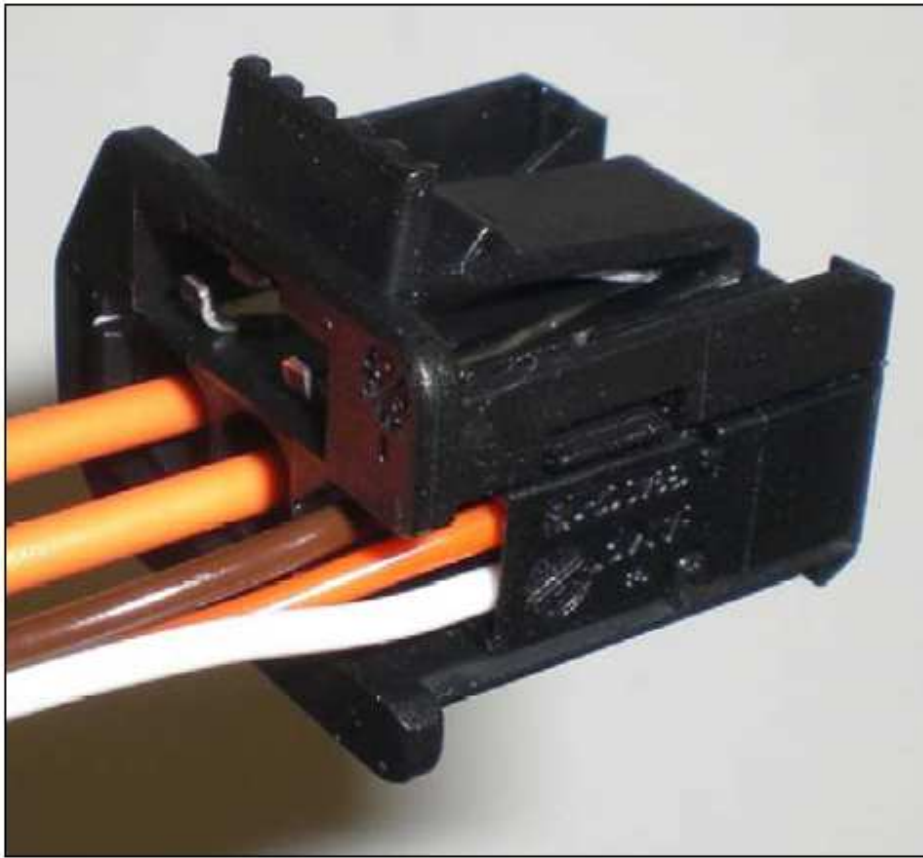


Figure 4 Rear view of fully assembled mObridge connector

Here we have the rear view of the fully assembled 4 position mObridge connector. Note that the brown wire is ground in position 1 and the orange wire is 12V+ battery in position 2.

The white wire is the 'bypass' wire that will be connected to the bypass toggle switch.



Figure 5 Fully disassembled mObridge wiring assembly

Finally we have broken down the complete wiring setup into the MOST connections, 3 wires of the mObridge harness and their connections and the pin numbering of the 4 position insert into the MOST shell.

mObridge Audio Kit

The mObridge Audio kit contains the following pieces:

- 1) mObridge Audio unit configured for CD Changer replacement
- 2) mObridge power wiring harness
- 3) MOST optical fiber loom patch harness
- 4) MOST optical loop to loop out existing CD Changer
- 5) iPod high quality automotive spec cable
- 6) 3.5mm Audio auxiliary input cable



Figure 6 Cable connections to the mObridge Audio interface

Figure 6 contains all the cable connections that are in the mObridge Audio kit.

Connections

The mObridge Audio connections are straight forward. The 3.5mm Auxiliary cable can be fitted or simply left out. This is a user choice.

The iPod cable 20 pin rectangle connector is fitted into the 'MP3 Player' port of the mObridge Audio interface and this can then be fitted into the car and run into either the glove box or up into the centre console depending on user choice.

The mObridge Wiring harness is generally recommended to be fitted into where the existing CD Changer wiring is fitted or directly using the power connections on the back of the vehicles head units.

Note: mObridge MOST interfaces must be fitted to permanent power.

Do not worry as you cannot flatten the battery. The mObridge interface power circuit is only awake when the optical fiber ring is in operation. Once the optical fiber ring has slept then it is impossible to still be powering the mObridge interface.

The following figure illustrates the connections into the mObridge interface.



Figure 7 Connections for the mObridge Audio Interface

The final step of the interface connections is the optical patch. The kit contains an inline connector already inserted onto the patch cable. Ideally the mObridge interface can use the existing CD Changer MOST connection or the MOST connections from the head unit.

Patching the MOST connections can be done by following the arrows on the MOST connectors themselves. By carefully reversing the output of the head unit connection and inserting the input cable side of the mObridge connector (this is the optical strand without the inline connector) and then use the mObridge optical strand with the inline connector to connect back to the optical fiber that was originally taken from the head unit or other optical interface within the car.

Bypass Switch

The bypass switch is provided to allow for the mObridge unit to become 'invisible' on the MOST vehicle bus system. The main use of this function is to facilitate dealer services when the diagnostic computer is in use and to ensure the mObridge unit does not interfere with the vehicle diagnostics.

The function can be enabled by toggling this switch 5 times. Once the bypass feature has been activated, the MOST bus will be broken for 2 seconds and the feature cannot be activated again for a further 10 seconds.

Once the bypass switch has been activated, it will remain activated across power cycles until the bypass is de-activated by toggling the switch again 5 times within a 5 second time frame.

Firmware Updates & Vehicle Configuration

The mObridge range of products provides the ability to update the firmware of your unit as well as configure the unit for any vehicle type, vehicle settings and specific vehicle setup. mObridge is constantly striving for perfection in all products as well as adding new features.

The latest firmware can be found on our webpage here:

www.mobridge.us

The mObridge Wizard also provides an easy to use step by step guide on vehicle setup and will automatically produce an SD memory card file mObridge.ini allowing users to make changes to the mObridge setup such as vehicle type.

The mObridge Wizard can be downloaded here:

www.mobridge.us/wizard

Vehicle Coding & Software Versions

BMW

- All BMW vehicles are required to be "coded" - ie have the CD changer and telephone enabled in the vehicle. All mObridge products now self code themselves into the car. The use of an Autologic diagnostic computer can also be utilized. For further information on the coding of BMWs please refer to the [Autologic web site](#).
- CD Changer Retention is not supported if the iPod functionality is required.
- MY2004 5 series may need a Software Update of the i-Drive to support CD Text. This is the responsibility of the installer to ensure the vehicle supports CD-Text. mObridge cannot offer support in this case.
- BMW E65 7 series from 2002->2007 does not support text mode
- From late 2009 the base mode professional radio may not have MOST and it also may be manufactured by Continental AG. The Continental based radios are not compatible.

Mini

- All Minis vehicles are required to be "coded" - ie have the CD changer and telephone enabled in the vehicle. All mObridge products now self code themselves into the car. The use of an Autologic diagnostic computer can also be utilized. For further information on the coding of BMWs please refer to the [Autologic web site](#).
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- CD Changer Retention not supported if iPod function is required.

Audi

- Monochrome MMI is not supported.
- CD Changer Retention is supported.

Porsche

- PCM 3.0 is not supported at this time.
- CD Changer Retention not supported.

Mercedes

- CD Changer Retention not possible.

Saab

- Can be fitted as either the rear or front CD changer

Trouble Shooting

Upon first install it is advisable to let the entire car go to 'sleep' for 10 minutes and recover gracefully. Optical fiber equipped vehicles do not take kindly to installs without a graceful startup.

A good indication that the mObridge unit is running is the fact that the iPod screen will light up and display the mObridge logo.

Q) The Head Unit no longer wakes up?

A) Double check the optical connections.

If the head unit can not see the entire loop being completed with light, then the head unit is likely to turn itself off as it has a problem.

See if there is light coming into the mObridge connector and check the arrow on top of the connector itself and make sure light is traveling in the correct direction.

Q) I've installed the unit, the optical ring is working but the unit does not appear in the head unit?

A) Vehicle may need coding.

BMW vehicle in particular require coding to enable options such as the CD changer. Mercedes, Porsche and Audi do not require coding for the CD Changer.

Early 2002-2005 vehicle also do not support MP3 file browsing. In this case the mObridge interface needs to be configured for BMW-nonmp3 mode otherwise the CD Changer interface will not show any discs as being available as they are reported as MP3 discs.

Also double check the bypass mode switch.

Q) The iPod connection causes erratic wakeup on startup?

A) The mObridge interface is not wired to permanent power.

Check the wiring connection. This needs to be permanent power.

Q) My iPod volume level is lower than the radio?

A) The mObridge interface has the same audio gain as the radio.

Likely that iTunes has not been set to level out the iPod volume.

Q) I cannot browse the iPod?

A) Please refer to the user manual included in the kit.

Q) My base model Mercedes or Porsche radio does not show me track name?

A) These base model radios do not support text.

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The mObridge interface needs to be configured for 'numbered' browsing limiting the user to the first 5 playlists or playlists numbered DISC1, DISC2 etc. Please refer to the mObridge User Manual for correct operation.